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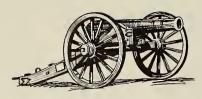
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#### NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Scene of the climactic Battle of Gettysburg, a turning point of the American Civil War, and the place where President Abraham Lincoln made his celebrated Gettysburg Address.

Of the more than 2,000 land engagements of the Civil War, Gettysburg ranks supreme. Though Gettysburg did not end the war, nor attain any major war aim for North or South, it remains the great battle of the war.

Here at Gettysburg on July 1, 2, and 3. 1863, more men actually fought and more men died than in any other battle before or since on North American soil. Here the Confederacy saw its greatest offensive turned back, saw its strongest army retreat to Virginia with no gain to match its valor and terrible sacrifices. Here for the first time in the war, the men in the Union Army of the Potomac rose up from their lines after the battle and cheered, aware that they had repulsed the hardest hammering that Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia could give them. Here 4 months later, President Lincoln summed up the meaning of the war, using 269 words that surpass the millions uttered and written since.

#### THE NORTH INVADED

General Lee had led his men north of the Potomac River once before—in September 1862. He had hoped that a successful campaign on Northern soil might win foreign recognition for the Confederacy and lead to a negotiated peace. But the Battle of Antietam halted this invasion, and the war had continued.

Great Southern victories had since been won at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville in Virginia. In the west, however, Union armies were probing deep into the Confederacy. The Southern stronghold at Vicksburg—key to control of the Mississippi River—was besieged.

If Lee's veterans now launched another offensive across the Potomac, they might relieve the pressure on Vicksburg; they might even win a decisive victory that would bring peace and independence to the South. Out of such hopes was born the Gettysburg Campaign.

The Army of Northern Virginia began its march on June 3. From Fredericksburg, where they had shielded Richmond from the Army of the Potomac, the long columns headed west through the gaps of the Blue Ridge, then northeast to Pennsylvania in the sheltered slot of the Shenandoah and Cumberland Valleys.

When Union Gen. Joseph Hooker saw the thin ranks Lee had left behind to screen Richmond, he wanted to strike for the Confederate Capital. But President Lincoln directed him to pursue Lee's army, keeping between the Southern host and Washington.

During Lee's northward march, his main body of cavalry under Gen. J. E. B. Stuart had swung to the east. Union forces in close pursuit cut Stuart off, depriving Lee of the "eyes" of his army. Lacking Stuart's reports,

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Lee did not know until June 28 that the Union army—now commanded by Gen. George G. Meade—was following him. Then, realizing that a battle was imminent, Lee ordered his scattered forces to concentrate at Cashtown, 8 miles west of Gettysburg.

Two days later, on June 30, Gen. John Buford's Union cavalry contacted a Confederate detachment near Gettysburg, then occupied McPherson Ridge, just west of the town. Thus, groping through the fog of war, the fingertips of the vast armies had chanced to touch at Gettysburg. Now began the race to concentrate winning power.

#### THE BATTLE BEGINS

Early on July 1, Buford's pickets opened fire on the Confederate vanguard approaching from Cashtown. Soon the Union cavalry was reinforced by Gen. John F. Reynolds' infantry. Meanwhile, jamming the roads which converged like spokes on the hub of Gettysburg, dusty columns of both armies pounded toward the sound of the guns.

Until 1 p.m., the Union troops on McPherson Ridge held the attacking Confederates at bay. But suddenly the hills and ridges north of town came alive with charging men. In a concerted attack from west and north

the powerful Confederate forces smashed into the Union lines.

Back through the town fled the men in blue. Many units fought heroic rearguard actions to protect their retreating comrades. By 5:30 p.m., the Union remnants were hurriedly entrenching south of Gettysburg on Cemetery Hill, where Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock—a rock in adversity—rallied their shattered ranks.

At the sound of the cannonade, General Lee had hastened to the front. He watched the Federals stream toward the hills south of town and begin their entrenchments. Though aware that their position was a strong one, he believed it could be crushed by attacking Culp's Hill or Cemetery Ridge, the southerly extension of Cemetery Hill.

#### THE SECOND DAY

By dawn, July 2, Lee's army was poised before the hook-shaped Union line; he hoped to break it before Meade's entire force reached the field. His plan of attack called for Gen. James Longstreet to assault the Union left on Cemetery Ridge. To aid the main attack, Gen. Richard Ewell's men would advance on Cemetery and Culp's Hills, at the right of the Union line.

Action on July 2. Longstreet's Confederates charge across the Wheatfield. Reproduced from an original glass-plate negative at Gettysburg National Military Park. Original painting by James E. Taylor, 1885.



Delay dogged Confederate preparations, and the morning wore away; with it went

Lee's hopes for an early attack.

Just after noon, Union Gen. Daniel Sickles pushed his troops westward from Cemetery Ridge. His new line formed a salient with its apex at the Peach Orchard on the Emmitsburg Road. This powerful intrusion further complicated Lee's attack plan.

Finally, at 4 p.m., Longstreet's batteries broke the silence. Gen. John B. Hood's division struck the Union flank at the Round Tops, Devil's Den, and the Wheatfield; close on his left, Lafayette McLaws' men charged the Union salient at the Peach Orchard. Farther north, R. H. Anderson's division struck the Emmitsburg Road.

By sundown, the Confederates had com-

pletely shattered the Union salient.

But to the north, Ewell's attack on Cemetery and Culp's Hills had bogged down. Though individual units had been desperately brave, the attack failed for lack of coordination. Spangler's Spring and the Union defense works just north of it were captured after dark, but the main Union line stood unbroken.

Except for the isolated struggle to the north, darkness ended the fighting and blotted from view the corpses that signified the day's work. But wounded men continued their pitiful calls for aid through the night.

Though partially successful, Lee had lost the race to win a decisive victory while still holding the advantage of numbers. Throughout July 2, fresh infantry had filed into Meade's line and new batteries had wheeled into place. Facing Lee now, in a position growing ever stronger, was the entire Army of the Potomac.

#### LEE'S FINAL EFFORT

July 3 broke with the thunder of Union guns near Spangler's Spring and Culp's Hill. After a furious struggle, the Federals recaptured the spring, erasing the threat to their right flank.

Meanwhile, Lee decided that further attacks against the strong Federal flanks were not feasible. To retain the initiative he decided upon a massive frontal assault against Meade's center. A breakthrough there would cut the Federal army in half and might open the way to that decisive victory the Confederacy needed.

His fighting blood up, Lee waved aside Longstreet's objections to a frontal assault against the strong Union line. Pointing to Cemetery Ridge, he exclaimed: "The enemy is there, and I am going to strike him."

Now Lee massed his forces along and in front of Seminary Ridge. J. E. B. Stuart—finally back with the army—began moving his cavalry to a point where he might harass the rear of the Federal army. (This design was thwarted when alert Union cavalry intercepted Stuart.)

Meanwhile, the Federal troops of General Hancock's Corps eyed the Confederate line from behind the stone wall that marked their position on Cemetery Ridge. Near an angle in the wall, an umbrella-shaped copse of trees provided shade for some of the men. These lucky ones might have preferred hot sun elsewhere had they known that the anticipated Confederate attack was to be aimed directly at these trees.

At noon, stillness descended over the battlefield. Men waited in their positions, and the heat grew more intense.

Suddenly, at 1 o'clock, 140 Confederate guns in line from the Peach Orchard to the seminary let loose an earth-shaking cannonade. Its objective: To prepare the way for the infantry assault against the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. Federal artillery responded with counterbattery fire, and for a time the massed guns dueled for supremacy. Finally, nearly 2 hours later, the cannonade died away.

Then, reluctant with foreboding, the commander of the assault column, General Longstreet, ordered the advance. With Gen. George Pickett's division on the right and those of James Pettigrew and Isaac Trimble on the left, nearly 15,000 Confederates moved forward in magnificent array. Union defenders were stunned at sight of the milewide column with its scores of regimental flags.



Gettysburg Address Memorial, Gettysburg National Cemetery.

Marching in dressed ranks across the open fields, battered by Union artillery most of the way, the attackers now converged upon Meade's center. Momentarily the long lines were slowed by the rail fence at the Emmitsburg Road, then they rushed up the slope of Cemetery Ridge toward the line of fire erupting from the stone wall.

From front and flank, double canister and rifle volleys assailed the charging lines. They crumbled, re-formed, and again pressed forward.

Only 150 men led by Gen. Lewis Armistead crossed the stone wall, there to be overcome after savage hand-to-hand fighting. Meanwhile, Federal regiments to the right and to the left of The Angle wheeled in front of the stone wall and delivered a raking fire into the blunted wedge of Confederate attackers. Then came a Union countercharge that swept the staggering Confederates off Cemetery Ridge—those that could walk. Thousands of dead and wounded remained behind.

The remnants of the great charge sullenly retreated toward the shelter of their guns. There General Lee greeted them, told them to re-form, to rest, to prepare defenses against a possible Federal counterattack.

Lee's supreme effort had failed. The Copse of Trees on Cemetery Ridge became the High Water Mark where the tide of the Confederacy had "swept to its crest, paused and receded."

It was all over at Gettysburg. Lee's heavy losses precluded further effort by him on this field. And Meade did not reopen the battle.

Late on the afternoon of July 4, Lee began an orderly retreat southwest over the Hagerstown Road and through the mountain pass. Followed cautiously by Meade, Lee crossed the Potomac safely into Virginia on the night of July 13.

The Army of Northern Virginia had escaped, but it had been so cruelly mauled that never again would it invade the North.

#### **AFTERMATH**

In the battle, 75,000 Confederates had been pitted against 97,000 Union troops. Lee lost 28,000 killed, wounded, and captured as against a Union loss of 23,000.

For the townspeople, the aftermath of battle was more trying than the battle itself. Wounded men were crowded into almost every building. Dead men littered the countryside.

Soon after the battle, Gov. Andrew Curtin of Pennsylvania commissioned Attorney David Wills of Gettysburg to purchase a burial ground for the Union dead. (Confederate dead originally buried on the battle-field were reinterred in Southern cemeteries.) While reinterment from the temporary battlefield graves was still in progress, the formal dedication took place on November 19. On that occasion President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address.

#### THE PARK

In 1895, the Gettysburg battlefield was made a National Military Park by act of Congress. In that year the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, which was founded a few months after the battle, transferred its holdings to the Federal Government. Today the battlefield has 30 miles of paved avenues and 1,425 monuments and markers. The area of the National Military Park is more than 2,800 acres. The National Cemetery covers 17 acres.

#### ABOUT YOUR VISIT

The National Park Service MISSION 66 program at Gettysburg National Military Park is providing many new visitor facilities, including the new Park Visitor Center. Just south of town on either U.S. 15 or State Route 134, the visitor center is open every day except Christmas and New Year's. Here you can see free exhibits and get information before touring the battlefield. Also on exhibit here is the notable painting of Pickett's Charge, "The Gettysburg Cyclorama"—a

50-cent admission fee is waived for children under 12 and school groups.

Licensed guides provide complete 2-hour tours, \$5; 1-hour tour to major points of interest, \$3; and complete bus tours, \$8.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Gettysburg National Military Park and Cemetery are administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is Gettysburg, Pa., is in immediate charge.

Help Protect this Park: Speed limit 25 m.p.h.—15 m.p.h. in crowded areas; park only on pavement to protect grass and shoulders; no climbing on monuments and cannons; preserve all natural features.

Please report all accidents and fires to the nearest park ranger.

#### EXPLORING THE BATTLEFIELD

Many opportunities await those who want to tour the battlefield at their own pace. A 1-hour walking tour, starting at the visitor center, leads to Meade's Head-quarters, The Angle, the High Water Mark Monument, and the National Cemetery. A 2- to 3-hour auto tour covering the entire park starts from the visitor center parking area. The text and map that follow describe this tour.

- 1. High Water Mark. Here, at the Copse of Trees and The Angle, Long-street's Assault, or Pickett's Charge, was halted on July 3. This was the climax at Gettysburg.
- 2. Pennsylvania Memorial. On a field noted for its monuments, this one is outstanding. Statues of officers and bronze nameplates call the roll of nearly 35,000 Pennsylvanians who fought here.
- 3. Little Round Top. Longstreet's attack on July 2 foundered on the rocky slopes of this hill. Quick action by Meade's chief engineer, Gen. Gouverneur Warren, saved Little Round Top for the Union army and foiled Lee's hopes for early victory.

- 4. **Devil's Den.** Longstreet's July 2 attack cleared Union troops from these boulders. Confederate sharpshooters, one of whose barricades can still be seen, fired on Little Round Top from here.
- 5. *Peach Orchard.* On July 2, General Sickles' Union salient extended from Devil's Den to here, then angled northward on the Emmitsburg Road. Longstreet's attack shattered this Union line.
- 6. Warfield Ridge. Here, at 4 p.m., July 2, Longstreet's guns opened fire on the Peach Orchard. At this signal, infantry massed on this ridge swept forward against Sickles' salient.

- 7. Virginia Monument. General Lee watched the gallant charge of July 3 from here. And when it failed, he rode forward to the fields in front of you and rallied his men.
- 8. North Carolina Monument. Along and in front of this ridge, Lee marshaled his forces for the supreme effort on July 3. The monument was sculptured by Gutzon Borglum of Mount Rushmore fame.
- 9. McPherson Ridge. Just beyond McPherson's Barn, the Battle of Gettysburg began at 8 a.m. on July 1. General Reynolds, whose Union infantry held this line, was killed in the woods to the left.
- 10. Oak Hill. Arrival of General Rodes' Confederate division on this hill at 1 p.m. on July 1 threatened Federal forces west and north of Gettysburg. The Eternal Light Peace Memorial, dedicated in 1938, commemorates the 75th anniversary of the battle.
- 11. Oak Ridge. Union troops here held stubbornly against Rodes' advance from Oak Hill.
- 12. Barlow Knoll. When Jubal Early's Confederates smashed Union defenders here at 2:30 p.m. on July 1, the Union line north of Gettysburg collapsed.

From Barlow Knoll, take U.S. 15 to the point where it curves right. Just pass the

- curve, turn left on Stratton Street. Continue to York Street then left one block to Liberty Street. Turn right on Liberty Street, which becomes East Confederate Avenue and takes you to Spangler's Spring.
- 13. Spangler's Spring. On July 2, Ewell's Corps attacked in this vicinity. Gen. Edward Johnson's division captured this spring and Union earthworks north of it, only to lose them the next morning.
- 14. Culp's Hill. On July 2, Johnson's Confederates attacked here without success, but captured Spangler's Spring to the south.
- 15. East Cemetery Hill. Here Union troops rallied late on July 1. The next evening the hill was captured and briefly held by Early's Confederates. Note the Civil War-period gateway to the town Cemetery across the Baltimore Pike.
- 16. National Cemetery. Soldiers' National Monument, commemorating Union dead who fell here, stands on the spot where President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address. The Gettysburg Address Memorial is near the west entrance.

This concludes the auto tour except for the important site at East Cavalry Field, 3 miles east of Gettysburg on State Route 116. Here Union cavalry under Gen. D. M. Gregg intercepted and defeated J. E. B. Stuart.

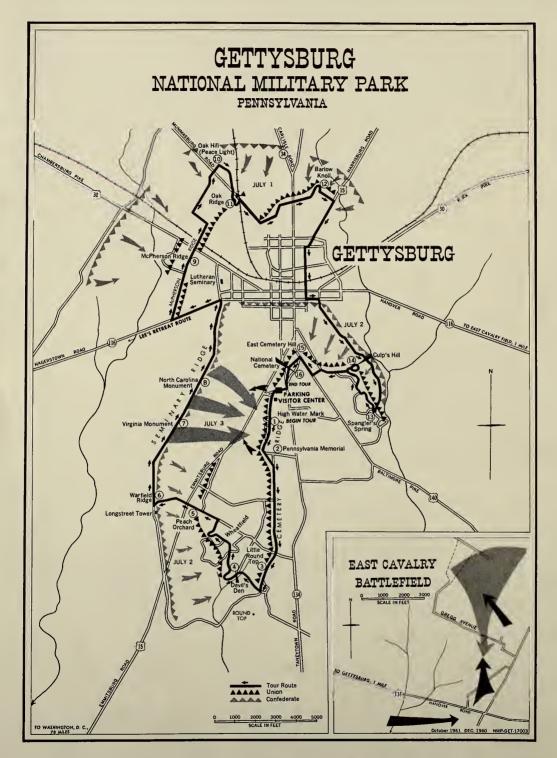


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Cover: Climax at The Angle. This scene from Paul Philippoteaux' Cyclorama shows the Confederate vanguard piercing the Union line on Cemetery Ridge.

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#### Three Days in July

On June 3, 1863, a month after his dramatic victory at Chancellorsville, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee began marching his Army of Northern Virginia westward from its camps around Fredericksburg, Va. Once through the gaps of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Southerners trudged northward into Maryland and Pennsylvania. They were followed by the Union Army of the Potomac under Gen. Joseph Hooker, but Lee, whose cavalry under J.E.B. Stuart was absent on a brash raid around the Federal forces, had no way of knowing his adversary's whereabouts.

The two armies touched by chance at Gettysburg on June 30. The main battle opened on July 1 with Confederates attacking Union



Left: Gettysburg in 1863 as seen from Seminary Ridge. The battle began here along the Chambersburg Pike (right foreground) on July 1.

Right: Robert E. Lee, Confederate commander at Gettysburg. troops on McPherson Ridge west of town. Though outnumbered, the Federal forces (now commanded by Gen. George G. Meade) held their position until afternoon, when they were finally overpowered and driven back to Cemetery Hill south of town. The Northerners labored long into the night over their defenses while the bulk of Meade's army arrived and took up positions.

On July 2 the battlelines were drawn up in two sweeping arcs. The main portions of both armies were nearly one mile apart on parallel ridges: Union forces on Cemetery Ridge, Confederate forces on Seminary Ridge to the west. Lee ordered an attack against both Union flanks. James Longstreet's thrust on the Federal left turned the





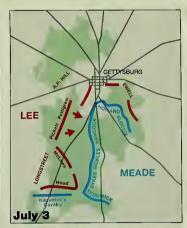
#### The Battle at a Glance



Elements of the two armies collide west of Gettysburg during the early morning hours. The fighting escalates throughout the day as more Union and Confederate troops reach the field. By 4 p.m. the defending Federal troops are defeated and retreat through Gettysburg where many are captured. The remnants of the Union force rally upon Cemetery and Culp's hills.



The main strength of both armies has arrived on the field by the morning hours. General Lee launches attacks against the Union left and right in an attempt to dislodge Meade's army from its strong position. Longstreet's assault upon the Union left makes good progress but is eventually checked by Federal reinforcements from the center and right. On the Union right, Ewell's Confederate troops are able to seize part of Culp's Hill; elsewhere they are repulsed.



While Ewell renews his efforts to seize Culp's Hill, Lee turns his main attention to the Union center. Following a two-hour artillery bombardment, he sends some 12,000 Confederate infantry to try to break the Federal lines on Cemetry Ridge. Despite a courageous effort, the attack (subsequently called "Pickett's Charge") is repulsed with heavy losses. East of Gettysburg, Lee's cavalry is also checked in a large cavalry battle. Crippled by extremely heavy casualties, Lee can no longer continue the battle. On July 4 he begins to withdraw for Virginia

#### Seeing the Park and the Battlefield

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Much has been written and said about this, the greatest battle of the Civil War. There are also many treasured artifacts collected in museums here and across the country. But the most tangible link to those three days in July is still the battlefield itself, parts of which look much the same today as they did in 1863. Fences, hills, rocks, cannon, and even the monuments (which were not here then, of course) provide an opportunity to ponder and try to understand what happened here.

You have probably come to Gettysburg by car. By

following the Self-Guided Auto Tour on the other side of this folder, you can easily drive around the battlefield in two to three hours. At most of the numbered stops, markers describe significant action during the three days of battle.

The Visitor Center and Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War houses the Electric Map, a large bookstore, licensed battlefield guides, current schedules of ranger-conducted programs, Civil War exhibits, and information about visiting Eisenhower National Historic Site.

The Electric Map presentation offers, through the use of a large map and colored lights, a narrated orientation to the battle and Lincoin's Getyburgaddess. For a fee, a licensed battlefield guide will conduct a two-hour four of the battlefield in your auto or bus. Individuals or groups may make advance reservations for the Electric Map program, a tour with a licensed

gulde, and a visit to Eisenhower National Historic Site by calling (717) 334-

The Cyclorama Center has exhibits, a free film, and the 360-foot Gettysburg Cyclorama, a spectacular painling by Paul Philippoteaux of Pickett's Charge. The painting, a Registered Historic Object, is displayed with a sound-and-light program inside a large circular auditorium. Individuals or groups may make advance reservations for the Cyclorama

program by calling (717) 334-4474.

During summer months, park rangers lead walks, give talks, and present programs at various locations on the battlefield to help you understand the personal impact of past events.

The best way to sense the land and the slower pace of Gettysburg's past is to walk the battlefield as thousands of soldiers once did. The High Water Mark Trail, about a mile the Federal center in an attack known as "Pickett's Charge." More

With the repulse of Pickett's Charge, the Battle of Gettysburg was

over. The Confederate army that staggered back into Virginia was physically and spiritually exhausted. Never again would Lee attempt an offensive operation of such magnitude. And Meade, though criti-

cized for not pursuing Lee's troops, would forever be remembered as

base of Little Round Top into a shambles, left the Wheatfield strewn with dead and wounded, and overran the Peach Orchard. Farther north, Richard S. Ewell's evening attack on the Federal right at East Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill, though momentarily successful, could not be exploited to Confederate advantage.

On July 3 Lee's artillery opened a two-hour bombardment of the Federal lines on Cemetery Ridge and Cemetery Hill. This for a time engaged the massed guns of both sides in a thundering duel for supremacy, but did little to soften up the Union defensive position. Then, in an attempt to recapture the partial success of the previous day, some 12,000 Confederates advanced across open fields toward



Far left: Meade's Headquarters in 1863

Left: George Gordon Meade, Union Commander



the man who won the battle that has come to be known as the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy."

than 5,000 soldiers became casualties in one hour.

Far left: Abraham Lincoln, November 8 1863

Left: The only known photo-graph showing Lincoln (inside white circle) during the dedica-tion of Gettysburg National Cemefery, November 19, 1863.

#### The Gettysburg Address

When the armies marched away from Gettysburg they left behind a community in shambles and more than 51,000 killed, woundthan 51,000 killed, wound-ed, and missing soldiers. Wounded and dying were crowded into nearly every building. Most of the dead lay in hastily dug and inad-equate graves; some had not been buried at all

This situation so distressed Pennsylvania's Gov. Andrew Curtin that he commissioned a local attorney, David Wills, to purchase land for a proper burial ground for Union dead. Within four months of the battle, reinterment began on 17 acres that became Gettysburg National Cemetery

The cemetery was dedi-cated on November 19, 1863. The principal speak-er, Edward Everett, deliv-ered a well-received twohour oration rich in historical detail and classical allusion. He was followed by President Abraham Lin-coln, who had been asked to make "a few appropriate remarks.

Lincoln's speech, which contains 272 words and took about two minutes to deliver is considered a deliver, is considered a masterpiece of the English language. It transformed Gettysburg from a scene of carnage into a symbol, giving meaning to the sac-rifice of the dead and in-spiration to the living. "I should be glad," Everett told Lincoln, "if I...came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes."

Contrary to popular belief, Lincoln did not write the speech on the back of an envelope during the trip to Gettysburg, but took great pains in its formulation. He composed the first draft in Washington shortly before November 18 and revised it at the home of David Wills in Gettysburg some-time before the dedication.

The second draft, written in ink on two pages of the same paper used for part of the first draft, reflects Lincoln's first revision of the address and, except for the words "under God," constitutes the text of the speech delivered at the dedication ceremony.

Less than half the Union battle dead finally interred in the national cemetery had been removed from their field graves by the day of the dedication. Within a few years, how-ever, the bodies of more than 3,500 Union soldiers killed in the battle had been reinterred in the cemetery and the land-scaping completed. Fol-lowing the war, the re-mains of 3,320 Confederate soldiers were removed from the battlefield to cemeteries in the South.





Gettysburg National Cemetery (see map at left) was designed by Washington, D.C., architect William Saunders to reflect an appearence of what he called "simple grandeur." The New York Monument (above) was dedicated in 1893 to honor New York state soldiers killed in the Battle of Gettysburg and buried in the national cemetery. Other United States veter ans, from the 1898 War with Spain to the Vietnam conflict, are also buried here. Today the cemetery is the final rest-ing plece for more than 6,000 honorably discharged veterans end their dependents.

long, begins at the Cyclorama Center. You will see regimental monuments, ground defended by Union soldiers in repulsing Pickett's Charge, and General Meade's headquarters.

In this trail, there are paths to Devil's Den and to the Point of Woods near the Virginia Memorial, where General Lee viewed Pickett's Charge, and a self-guided tour of the Nation-al Cemetery.

For a longer hike, inquire about the nine-mile Billy

Yank Trail or the threeand-a-half-mile Johnny Reb Trail. Both are used by the Boy Scouts of America as part of their Heritage Trails Program.

For information about motel accommodations, res-taurants, privately owned taurants, privately owned campgrounds, museums, and other facilities in the community, please check at the visitor center with a representative of the Get-tysburg Convention & Visi-tor Bureau. You can also write them at 35 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325, or check www.gettysburg.

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#### Regulations and Safety Tips

The monuments and cannons were placed by vet-erans of the battle to mark positions and honor the great sacrifices made here. They are irreplace-able historic objects that have been entrusted to all of us. Please help preserve these monuments and cannon. Do not climb, stand, or hang on them. Respect them.

Use extreme caution dri ing park roads, especially where they intersect with heavily traveled highways. Obey posted speed limits

and be cautious at blind curves and on one-way roads. Park in designated areas or on the pavement areas or on the pavemer only, not on the grass or shoulders. Bicyclists should keep to the right with the flow of traffic.

Parents or chaperones should closely supervise their children. Running and climbing youngsters often fall and injure them-

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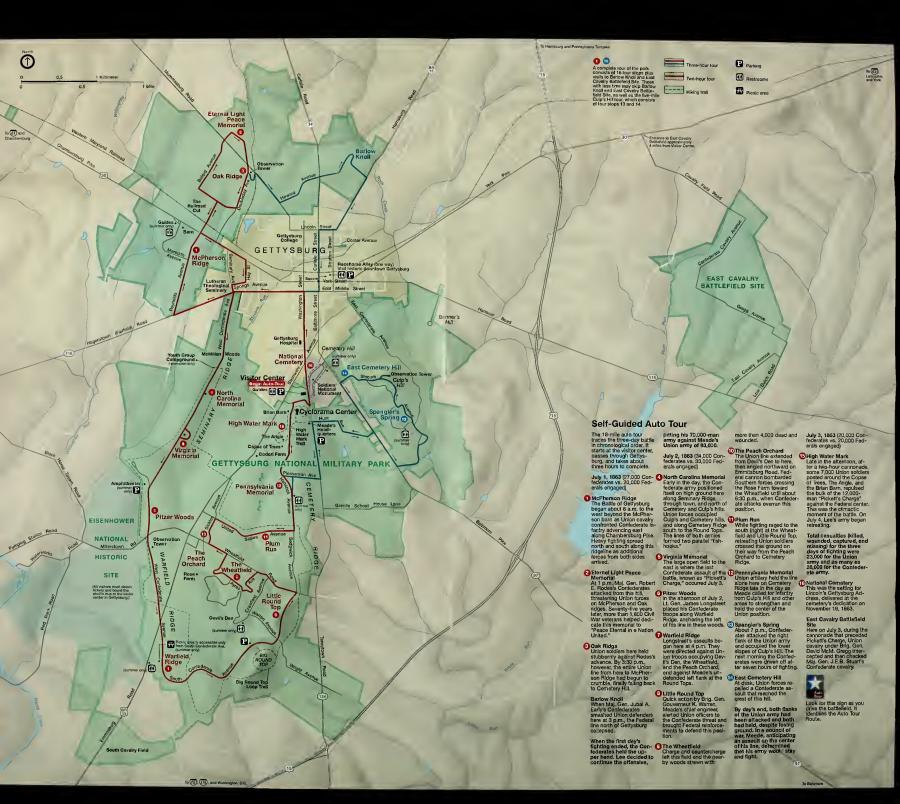
minerals must be left undisturbed. Relic collecting or the possession of metal detectors within the park is not allowed. Please pic-nic in designated areas

Pets must be leashed and attended at all times. They may not be taken into the National Cemetery, visitor center, or Cyclorama Cen-

If you have any questions about park rules or regulations, ask a ranger.

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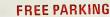
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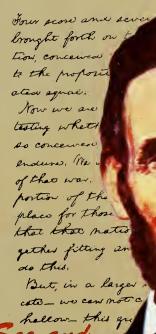




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IN WORDS SO FEW . . .

The broken metal of war lies rusting quietly on the earthen carpet at Gettysburg . . . it is November 19, 1863. . . .

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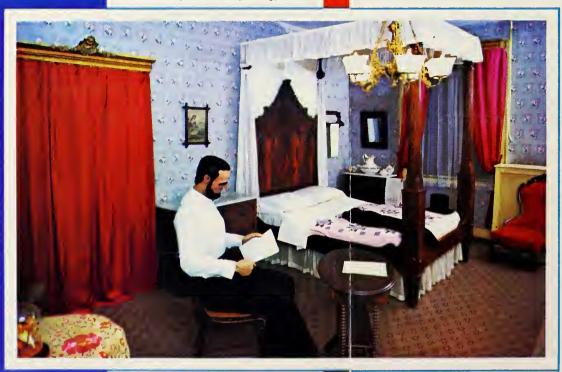
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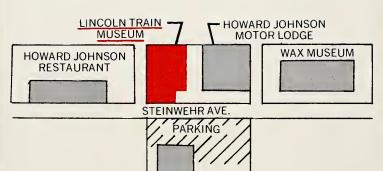








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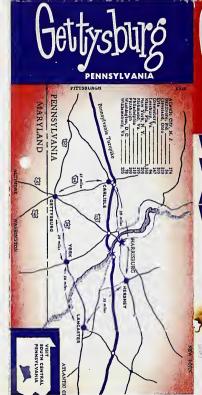
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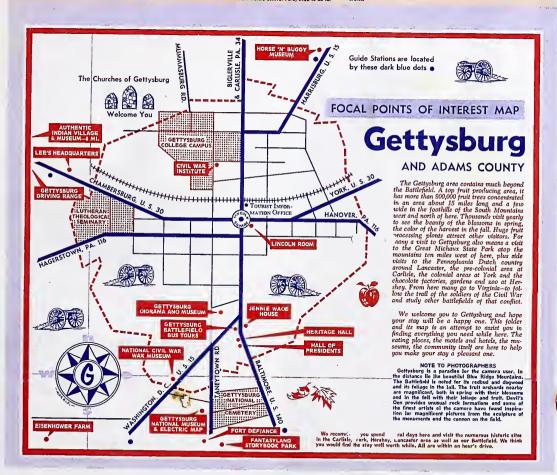
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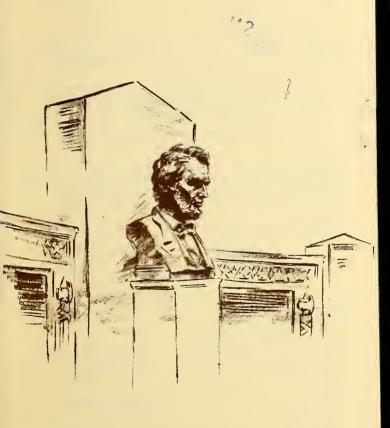
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Address: Dr. Theodore Windt, University

of Pittsburgh: "Lincoln's Presidential

Rhetoric"

8:00 p.m. Public Lecture - Gettysburg College

Moderator: Dr. Charles E. Glassick,

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#### **PROGRAM**

#### Saturday, June 25, 1983

At Gettysburg College

9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Moderator: Dr. Ralph Towne
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Presentation of three of the selected papers, with a mid-morning coffee break

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 - 3:40 p.m.

Moderator: Dr. Herman Cohen

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Presentation of three of the selected papers, with a mid-afternoon coffee break

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

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- Charles L. Balcer (Augustana College, South Dakota), "Communication of Compromise: a Critical Analysis of Daniel Webster's Seventh of March, 1850, Speech"
- Waldo W. Braden (Louisiana State University), "The Lasting Qualities of the Gettysburg Address"
- Daniel Ross Chandler (Rutgers University), "Henry Ward Beecher: A Nation's Tribune"
- Russell Taylor Church (University of Tennessee), "The End of the War between the States - - A Rhetorical Analysis"
- Steve Depoe (Northwestern University), "Lincoln's Irreparable Vision of a House Divided"
- H.L. Drake (Millersville State College, Pa.), "A General Semantics **Evaluation of the Orations of Abraham Lincoln and Edward** Everett at the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg"
- Donald T. Garnett (Henderson State University, Ark.), "Louis T. Wigfall - - The Fire Eater Hastens Civil War"
- Kathleen M. German (Miami University, Ohio), "William Grayson's 'The Hireling and the Slave': An Analysis of Pro-Slavery Arguement"
- Harlan Joel Gradin (University of North Carolina), "Politics Now is Our Epic Poem": The Caning of Charles Sumner and the Loss of Control in Antebellum America"
- Timothy F. Grainey (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), "Jefferson Davis: The Inflexible Rhetorician"
- Judith D. Hoover (Indiana University), "The Old Soldier and the Lost Cause: Irvin Cobb's Southern Strategy," and "The Slavery Question: A Sectional Dilemma and Demagogue's Delight"
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- Mary Jane Means (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire), "The American Civil War Through the Eyes of Punch: A Stylistic Analysis of Cartoons"
- Scott Owen Reed (Collinsville, Illinois), "Personal Liberty, National Union · · Military Arrests of Lawyers in Illinois during the Civil War"
- Brant Short (Indiana University), "Webster's First Reply to Hayne: The Forgotten Address"
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Friday's program includes a visit to the National Military Park, including the Manuscript Exhibit, and two principal addresses. These addresses will be presented by Dr. Russel F. Weigley. Professor of History at Temple University, and Dr. Theodore Windt, Associate Professor of Rhetoric at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Weigley is a past president of the Pennsylvania Historical "Association and the America Military Institute. He served as editor of the recent highly acclaimed Philadelphia: A 300 Year History, also contributing the essay, "The Border City in Civil War, 1854 -1865". Among his recent books are Eisenhower's Lieutenants (recipient of the Athenaeum of Philadelphia 1982 award for nonfiction, History of the United States Army, The America Way of War, and Towards an American Army: Military Thought from Washington to Marshall. Dr Windt is nationally know for his studies of Presidential rhetoric and edited Presidential Rhetoric, 1961 - 1980 and Essays on Presidential Rhetoric.

Saturday's program includes symposia of presentations from selected papers dealing with the conference theme, and synopsis presentations of other submitted papers. These papers deal with both print and nonprint media, symbolic communication, and theatre, as well as interpersonal and public speech transactions.

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- The Gettysburg Address, "First Draft", is one of five surviving copies in Lincoln's handwriting. The second page was written in Gettysburg. It was given to the Library of Congress in 1916. By means of an agreement between the Library of Congress and the National Park Service, this exhibit is made possible.
- Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address, a portrait by Francis B. Carpenter was probably painted in Washington, D.C. early in 1864. Several of Carpenter's paintings were completed in the White House when he lived as a guest of the President.
- The Cyclorama Painting. Paul Philippoteaux, the artist, came to Gettysburg in 1881 to study the battlefield and interview eyewitnesses to Pickett's Charge. He made sketches and photographs and completed the painting in 1884. The (356 feet by 26 feet) painting was declared a National Treasure by the U.S. Congress.
- The Electric Map, located in the park's Visitor Center, provides an excellent orientation to the Battle of Gettysburg. The 30-minute program details the fighting of July 1, 2, and 3, and accurately presents the area as it looked in 1863.

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#### Three Days in July

On June 3, 1863, a month after his dramatic victory at Chancel-lorsville. Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee began marching his Army of Northern Virginia westward from its camps around Fredericksburg, Va. Once through the gaps of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Southerners trudged northward into Maryland and Pennsylvania. They were followed by the Union Army of the Potomac under Gen. Joseph Hooker, but Lee, whose cavalry under J.E.B. Stuart was absent on a brash raid around the Federal forces, had no way of knowing his adversary's whereabouts.

The two armies touched by chance at Gettysburg on June 30. The main battle opened on July 1 with Confederates attacking Union troops on McPherson Ridge west of town. Though outnumbered. the Federal forces (now commanded by Gen. George G. Meade) held their position until afternoon, when they were finally overpowered and driven back to Cemetery Hill south of town. Northerners labored long into the night over their defenses while the bulk of Meade's army arrived and took up positions.

On July 2 the battlelines were drawn up in two sweeping arcs. The main portions of both armies were nearly 1.6 kilometers Confederate forces on Seminary Ridge to the west. Lee ordered an attack against both Union flanks. James Longstreet's thrust on the Federal left overran the Peach Orchard, left the Wheatfield strewn with dead and wounded, and turned the base of Little Round Top into a shambles, Farther north, Richard S, Ewell's evening attack on the Federal right at East Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill, though momentarily successful, could not be ex-

On July 3 Lee's artillery opened a 2-hour bombardment that for a time engaged the massed guns of both sides in a thundering duel for supremacy, but did little to soften up the Union lines on Cemetery Ridge. Then, in a desperate attempt to recapture the partial success of the previous day, some 12,000 Confederates

under George E. Pickett advanced across the open fields toward the Federal center. Only one Southerner in three retired to safety.

With the repulse of Pickett's assault, the Battle of Gettysburg was over. The Confederate army that staggered back into Virginia was physically and spiritually exhausted. Never again would Lee attempt an offensive operation of such magnitude. And Meade, though criticized for not pursuing Lee's troops, would forever be remembered as the man who won the battle that has come to be known as the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy.













#### Visiting the Park

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For information about motel accommodations, restaurants, privately owned campgrounds, museums, and other facilities in the community, please check at the visitor center with a representative of the Gettysburg Travel

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You have probably come to Gettysburg in your car. By following the Auto Tour on the other side of this foldar, you can easily drive around the battle-field in 2-3 hours. At most of the numbered stops, markers describe significant action during the 3 days of battle.

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The Blg Round Top Loop Trail reveals something of the plants, animals, and rocks of the Pennsyl-

by the armies are visible along the way. The 1.6-kilometer (1-mile) trail takes about an hour to walk and starts just beyond Auto Tour Stop 3.

For a longer hike, in-quire about the 16-kilo-meter (10-mile) Compass Hike used by the Boy Scouts of America as part of their Heritage Trails Program.

#### How to See the Battlefield

#### Gettysburg National Cemetery

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proper burial ground for the Union dead. Within 4 months of the battle, re-intermenl began on 6.9 hectares (17 acres) thal became Gettysburg National Cemetery.

The cemelery was dedicated on November 19, 1863. The principal speaker, Edward Everett, delivered a well-received 2-hour oration rich in historical detail and classical allusion. He was followed by President Abraham Lincoln, whose 2-minute address ransformed.

Less than half of the Union battle dead finally interred in the national cemetery had been removed from their field graves by the day of the dedication. Wilhin a few years, however, the dedication. Within a few years, however, the bodles of 3,700 Union soldiers killed in the battle had been reinterred in the cemetery and the landscaping completed. Through the years, from the Spanish-

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Ouring the summer season, thanks to an agree-ment between the Library of Congress and the National Park Serv-ice, the Cyclorama Center contains a special Gettya-burg Address Exhibit in the time of your visit, you will be able to see the original of Lincoln's first or second draft copy.

The Gettysburg Address contains 272 words and took about two minutes to deliver. Contrary to popular bellef, Lincoln

did not write the speech on the back of an envelope on the way to Settyburg. Actually he took great pains in its formulation. He wrote the first draft in Washington shortly before November 18 and revised it at the homa of Oavid Wills in Gettysburg sometime before the dedication The second draft, written entirely in ink on two pages of the same paper used for part of the first draft, reliects on the address and, except for the words under God," constitutes the text of the speech he delivered at the declarion ceremony. Although the cannot be determined, evidence suggests had

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The name of Gettysburg is immortalized not only by the heroic feats of arms which were performed there, but by Abraham Lincoln's noble address delivered a few months after the battle when he came to Gettysburg to dedicate a portion of the field as the burial ground of those who fell in the struggle. Lincoln's words have perpetuated in the minds and hearts of our people the high purpose of the brave men who died at Gettysburg. The spot on which the martyr President uttered his immortal words is now appropriately marked by the Soldiers' National Monument in the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

#### Battle of Gettysburg

In June 1863, as a result of victories at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville during the preceding months, the military spirit of the Confederacy was at "high noon." By a daring thrust into Northern territory and a defeat of the Union Army on its own soil, Southern leaders felt that the strained bonds holding the North to the task of preserving the Union could be sev-

ered, the war ended, and peace established on the basis of Southern independence.

At Gettysburg on July 1, 2, and 3, 1863, the Confederate Army, commanded by Gen. Robert E. Lee, attempted to destroy the Union Army of the Potomac, commanded by Gen. George G. Meade, on its own soil. This battle has become known as the High Watermark of the Confederacy. It marked the turn of the tide in the war.

Using the Shenandoah Valley as an avenue of approach into Pennsylvania, Lee's army began moving northwestward from Fredericksburg on June 3, crossed the Potomac River at Williamsport and Shepherdstown, and proceeded toward Harrisburg. Unforeseen circumstances between June 25 and 29 deprived Lee of nearly every advantage he expected to gain by his daring march into the North. The absence of Stuart, commanding the Confederate cavalry, during a long, circuitous tour around the rear of the Union Army, had deprived Lee of information concerning the movements of the enemy. The Union Army, moving due northward from Fredericksburg had thus reached Frederick, Md., before Lee, across the mountains at Chambersburg, Pa., learned on June 28 of its near presence.

Lee at once altered his plans. He abandoned his proposed movement on Harrisburg, and directed a concentration of his entire force at the eastern base of the South Mountains, 8 miles from Gettysburg.

Meade needed information. Buford's cavalry division, with the infantry corps of Reynolds and Howard following close at hand, reached Gettysburg on June 30 to make a reconnaissance. On the morning of July 1 Buford moved to the ridge west of the town. Here, at 8 o'clock, he encountered Heth's Confederate division which was approaching Gettysburg from the west. Reynolds directed his troops into the struggle and ordered forward also those of General Howard. At this juncture Reynolds was killed. Heth's division, momentarily forced back, received reinforcements, but the Confederates were losing ground when Rodes' division, hastening southward on Oak Ridge, struck the right flank of the Union line on McPherson Ridge. The opportune arrival of Early's Confederate division on the Harrisburg Road broke the Union line north of Gettysburg, forcing the Union troops to retreat southward through the streets of the town. The Union flank on the northwest and west was left exposed. It soon collapsed, and its fragments fell back through Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill.

The unexpected encounter of July 1

presented to Lee unforeseen advantages. The greater part of the Confederate Army was at hand. While the Union line was forming in the shape of a great hook, extending from Spangler's Spring to Cemetery Hill and southward toward Little Round Top, Lee was preparing his battle line on Seminary Ridge and eastward through the streets of Gettysburg.

The forenoon of July 2 wore away. Then, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon Longstreet's batteries on the Confederate right broke the silence. A Confederate division struck at Little Round Top. Failing there, the attack spread to Devil's Den and the Wheatfield. In the meantime, other Confederate troops swept through the Peach Orchard and drove Sickles' Union line from its advance position back to the foot of Cemetery Ridge. Confederate troops gained a foothold momentarily on the crest of the ridge. Four hours of desperate struggle had broken the Peach Orchard salient, left the Wheatfield strewn with dead and wounded, and the base of Little Round Top a shambles.

At the same time, Ewell, on the Confederate left, was expected to attack the

Bloody Angle on Cemetery Ridge, farthest point reached by Pickett's charge

Big and Little Round Tops as seen from



Union position on Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill. The plan did not work perfectly, however, and the attack came a little late. Seldom, if ever, surpassed in its dash and desperation, this assault lacked the culminating fury of concerted action. Some of the Confederates stopped on the slopes of Culp's Hill, near Spangler's Spring. Early's men reached the crest of East Cemetery Hill, only to be forced back. Rodes' troops did not attack. Darkness brought an intermission to the bloody combat.

Lee, encouraged by partial success, determined to attack the Union center. The dawn of July 3, however, broke with the thunder of Union guns on the Union right in the area of Spangler's Spring and Culp's Hill. Seven hours of furious fighting found the Union troops again in possession of their earthworks at Spangler's Spring. The Spring, whose waters had for a time served Confederate wounded and thirsty, had again become a Union possession.

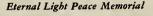
With the struggle ended at Spangler's Spring, comparative quiet followed, except for casual skirmishing and the intermittent sniping of sharpshooters. Presently, at 1 o'clock, 138 Confederate guns in line

from the Peach Orchard to the Seminary let loose a terrific cannonade. Eighty Union guns on Cemetery Ridge responded in a duel which lasted nearly 2 hours.

Then, with Pickett's division as a spearhead, more than 15,000 Confederates advanced in magnificent array. On nearing the Union line at the stone wall on Cemetery Ridge, the Confederates charged into the withering fire of double canister and concentrated infantry volleys. From the front and flank fire, the advancing lines crumbled, reformed, and again pressed ahead. Only a hundred men crossed the stone wall at the Angle on Cemetery Ridge. The remnants of the divisions of Pickett, Heth, and Pender staggered back toward Seminary Ridge. The repulse of the attack became known as the High Watermark where the tide of the Confederacy had "swept to its crest, paused, and receded."

Lee's final great effort at Gettysburg had spent itself. Late on the afternoon of July 4, he began an orderly retreat southwestwardly over the Hagerstown Road, and on the night of July 13 crossed the Potomac into Virginia.

ps as seen from Confederate battle line





#### Notes on the Battle

Eighteen states were represented in the Union Army, 12 in the Confederate, at Gettysburg. Maryland contributed military units to both armies. In the battle, 75,000 Confederates were pitted against 88,000 Union troops. Lee lost, in killed, wounded, and captured, a total of 28,000, as against a Union loss of 23,000. The bodies of approximately 7,000 men of both armies, given temporary burial on the battlefield, were later removed. Of these, 3,704 Federals were interred in Gettysburg National Cemetery and 3,320 Confederates were transferred to Southern cemeteries. An unknown additional number, totaling possibly 3,000, were reburied in home cemeteries.

#### The Park

In 1895 the battlefield of Gettysburg was made a national military park by act of Congress. In that year the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, which was founded a few months after the battle, transferred its holdings of 600 acres of land, 17 miles of avenues, and 320 monuments and markers, to the Federal Government. Today the park contains approximately 2,448 acres of land, 26 miles of paved avenues, and more than 2,000 monuments and markers.

#### Service to the Public

Information and free literature concerning the park may be secured at the National Park Service Office in the Post Office Building, at the office of the National Cemetery, or at the park entrance stations. A 16-page illustrated booklet on Gettysburg National Military Park may be obtained from the park superintendent or from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 10 cents a copy. The services of park historians are available in the park museum and for tours with educational groups. Qualified guides, licensed by the National Park Service, operate under the supervision of the park superintendent.

A complete guide tour of the park covers the area of the battle of July 1, west and north of Gettysburg, and the battleground of July 2 and 3, which lies south of the town. The fee for this tour, which covers more than 20 miles of park avenues and requires approximately 2 hours, is \$3. A special tour, covering the main points of interest and requiring approximately 1 hour, is available at a fee of \$2. During the summer season, the services of ranger historians are available at the Peace Memorial, Little Round Top, the Pennsylvania Monument, and at Spangler's Spring.

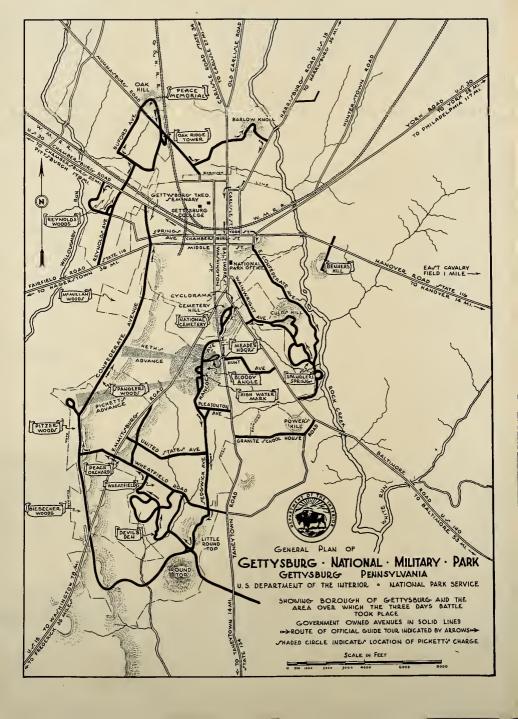
#### How to Reach the Park

Gettysburg National Military Park and National Cemetery are accessible by highway over U. S. Route 30 from the east and west, U. S. Route 15 from north and south, U. S. Route 140 from Baltimore, State Route 34 from Carlisle, and State Route 116 from Hagerstown, Md., and Hanover, Pa. Greyhound Bus Lines operate over U. S. Route 30 and 140; the Blue Ridge Lines over U. S. Route 15 from the south, and the Gettysburg-Harrisburg Bus Line over U. S. Route 15 from Harrisburg. Gettysburg may be reached also by way of the Gettysburg-Harrisburg branch of the Reading Railway.

#### Administration

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of Gettysburg, which some historians consider the turning point of the Civil war, brought about a moral renascence for America. There came a rebirth of American ideals and policies, a union of not only the North and the South, but of the East and West as one great nation-"indivisible, with freedom and justice for all."

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A monument marks the spot on which President Lincoln stood when he gave his immortal speech. Other monuments represent various states, and there are numerous statues of war

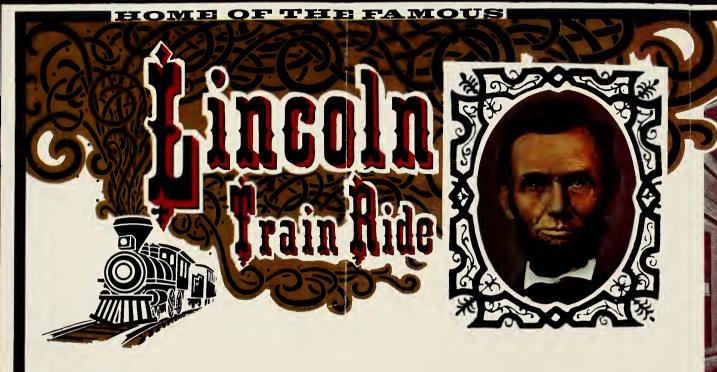
Another monument, simple, but impressive, bears the words, "Peace Eternal in a Nation United." This is the Eternal Peace Light monument, which was dedicated on Independence day, 1938, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. At that time 1,845 veterans from many states, both Union and Confederate, gathcred in their first united meeting and maybe their last; their numbers are decreasing fast.

Some of them were spry and anxious to speak of the old days; others were quiet and reticent and more willing to let dead memories be forgotten. They were no longer the Blue and the Gray, except perhaps in uniform, but all were gray with years.

But from that meeting of a new America with the old, of young Americans with the aged, came a renewed declaration for a united country, fresh vows of peace to keep the American guiding light of peace forever burning and, like the one on that simple monument, a light that never shall fail.

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#### Eternal Light of Peace

Gettysburg, in south central Pennsylvania, is only a few hours' drive from Philadelphia. A monument marks the spot on which President Lincoln stood when he gave his immortal speech. Other monuments represent various states, and there are numerous statues of war leaders.

One monument, simple but impressive, bears the words, Peace Eternal in a Nation United. This is the eternal peace light monument, which was dedicated on Independence day, 1938, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in honor of the 75th anniversary of

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# The David Wills House

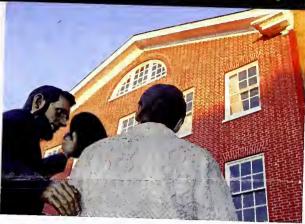
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Gettysburg National Military Park



In July 1863 the American Civil War came to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Four months later, President Abraham Lincoln followed to honor the fallen.

Here you will experience life with the Wills family as the Battle of Gettysburg threatened their home. You will learn how a simple invitation from David Wills resulted in the most famous speech in American history. And you will stand in the room where President Lincoln revised the Gettysburg Address and explore why it still resonates to this day.



### The David Wills Story

First Floor



David Wills was born eleven miles from here in 1831. He attended Pennsylvania (now Gettysburg) College and by 1854 was an attorney and superintendent of Adams County's schools. Two years later he married Catherine Jane "Jennie" Smyser and by the summer of 1863 the Wills had three children. Among many accomplishments, David Wills was appointed president of the Gettysburg Borough Council in 1872, and became Adams County Judge two years later. He also served on numerous boards of directors including that of the Bank of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Railroad Company. But history would remember Wills for his efforts after the 1863 battle.

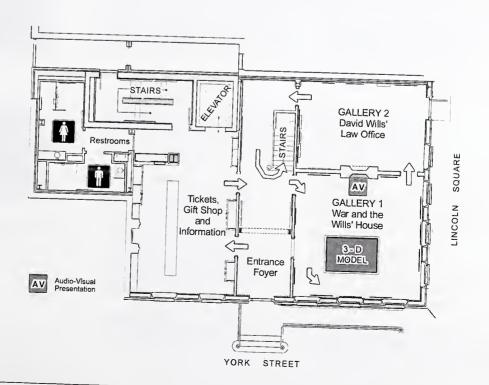
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A telegram sent from David Wills to President Lincoln inviting him to Gettysburg The Civil War came to the doorstep of the Wills home in 1863. Confederate soldiers first came to Gettysburg in search of supplies on June 26. During the Confederate occupation of the town, Wills saw "a group of rebels with an axe break open the store door" of one of his tenants. Local citizens huddled in his cellar.

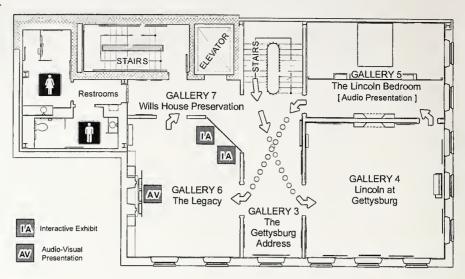
After the battle the Wills home filled quickly with wounded and dying soldiers. Local women acting as nurses tended to these men, and the U.S. Sanitary Commission (an early version of the U.S. Red Cross) established a temporary warehouse here. The U.S. Provost Marshall used the home as headquarters, and Gettysburg's leading citizens met here to make plans for proper burial of the dead.

#### First Floor



#### Lincoln at Gettysburg

Second Floor



YORK STREET

#### **Town Preparations**



Lincoln's room key

As many as 20,000 people converged upon Gettysburg to attend the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery and to catch a glimpse of visiting dignitaries.

President Lincoln arrived in Gettysburg on the evening of November 18 and was escorted to this house. The galleries of the second floor follow the events of Lincoln's visit through his immortal address on November 19. Here you will hear the story of how Gettysburg accommodated the vast number of visitors and how David and Catherine accommodated the distinguished guests who spent the night at their home. You will stand in the bedroom where Lincoln finished revising the Gettysburg Address and learn why this speech continues to endure and have meaning.

INCOLN SQUARE

It is desired that, after the Oration, you, as Chief Executive of the Nation, formally set apart these grounds to their Sacred use by a few appropriate remarks.

#### November 19, 1863



November 19, 1863 was Gettysburg's most momentous day. By 10 a.m. dignitaries were assembled outside of the Wills House for the procession to the new Soldiers' National Cemetery. The ceremony began with music and an invocation. Edward Everett's two-hour oration was followed by a funeral dirge, and then the President arose to deliver his "few appropriate remarks." He spoke for about two minutes. The brevity of Lincoln's speech surprised many, but his words were long remembered.

As the death toll mounted during the first two years of war, many wondered whether any cause was worth the awful price. The Gettysburg Address was Lincoln's effort to define and defend the war's objectives and the need to see them through -- whatever the cost. The war, he said, was a test of whether a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" could survive and remain true to its founding ideals.



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#### Visit the David Wills House:

Visits include an approximately one-hour, self-guided tour with two films, two interactive stations, seven galleries of which two are recreated rooms - Wills' law office and the Lincoln bedroom.

#### Getting there:

The house is located at 8 Lincoln Square in downtown Gettysburg.

#### **Hours and Tours:** January & February

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Open Martin Luther King Day

& President's Day

March

Thursday - Monday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April & September - October Wednesday-Monday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

May - August

Open Daily: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

November & December

Saturday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open Veteran's Day, November 19 & the Friday following Christmas

Entrance fees are \$6.50 for Adults (13 and up); \$5.50 for Seniors; \$4.00 for Youth (6-12); and children 5 and under are free. For group tour reservations call



